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**HIGHER EDUCATION PRIORITIES...**The final report of the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education titled "Priorities for Action" is published in toto minus a few tables and footnotes in the Oct. 9 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education. Among its observations, "There has been a basic erosion of affection for and interest in education, including higher education. A sense of confidence once lost is not easily restored." and "The benefits of higher education, actual and potential, dwarf the costs, whether viewed in monetary or human terms." and a more upbeat note "Higher Education is more and more potentially capable of exercising leadership within all of education and society." What does it all mean? You'll have to read the report to find out.

**MINI-GRANT IN MAXI-HURRY...**Deadline for faculty, staff, and student mini-grant proposals is Oct. 15. Due to a much reduced budget for this year's program, please see BOB KREBS, R & I, before submitting a proposal.

**THE UNION GAINS...**From TOM LAYZELL, President and MARY ANN KOUBA, Treasurer of the GSU Credit Union comes word that the Union's assets have topped \$10,000. The Union has now received authorization to join the International Credit Union Government Securities Program which allows credit unions to invest their excess funds. The GSU Credit Union made its first investment Oct. 4. While interest or dividends on GSU investments is a bit premature, the International Credit Union's statement for Sept. indicated a return of a little over 9 per cent.

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE BOG...**The legislature has passed and the Governor has signed a bill requiring student Ex-Officio members to sit with the higher education governing boards of the state including the BOG. The legislation states that these non-voting members will be elected by campus-wide referendum. Look for a vote in the near future to select the GSU student representative.

#### CAMPUS VISITORS LAST WEEK:

ROONEY STIPES, for many years Chairman of the Board of Governors and one of the pioneer decision makers in the founding of GSU.

Students from new Rich South High School writing a story on GSU for the school newspaper.

26 librarians of the Suburban Community College Librarians Round Table getting acquainted with GSU via the good offices of ALLENE SCHNAETTER and DICK VORWERK (both of LRC)

#### REMINDER: REVISED N/D CALENDAR

Monday, Oct. 22--  
First day of  
Instruction

Saturday, Dec. 15--  
Last day of  
Instruction



#### "Euphemism - and Doublespeak" by

Professor Walker Gibson, President  
National Council of Teachers of English

Wed., Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m., in the Commons

GSUings...MANNY CHAVEZ (CBPS) appearing on Channel 2 news on Oct. 7 in a short segment on migrant workers...WALT OSTERMANN (CHLD) guest lecturing at Lewis University in Lockport on "Cybernetics and its Effects which Change the Modern Environment Exponentially" accompanied by the film "Future Shock"...the Chicago newspaper, the New Crusader citing GSU (Student Advisory Committee) for its monetary donation in the search for the still missing CATHY DAVIDSON...PAUL LEINBERGER and PETE FENNER (both CEAS) serving as facilitators in a Frankfort, Ill. meeting called to generate planning plans for the Plan Commission...MEL MUCHNIK (COMM) serving on the American Field Service screening committee to select a Rich East High School student to live overseas for a school year.

COMPUTER SEX...FAZE I received the following from BOB BAILEY (A & R), an obviously unliberated male: "It has been determined that the GSU computer is feminine. This decision is based on the fact that the computer shares many attributes with the female sex. The GSU computer is admired for its configuration. It has the ability of total recall and corrects all our mistakes. It also predicts our future foolishness. And, of course, it's always right." No doubt we'll have some liberated replies for next week.

COMPUTER CONSULTANTS...A four-man consulting team will be spending several days at GSU this week to begin a consultant project on electronic data processing. The areas of concern will involve 1) computer-assisted instruction, 2) information systems, 3) educational and instructional research, and 4) hardware/software.

DROP IN AT THE DROP-IN...The free to the public Sunday Evening Drop-In is scheduled this year every third Sunday of the month. Experiences are designed and conducted by DAVE CRISPIN and TULSI SARAL (both CHLD). The humanistic event is intended to promote personal and interpersonal growth. Mark Sunday, Oct. 21, 7-10 p.m. for the next Drop-In.

WOMEN IN RELIGION...Slated for CCS, "Women in Religion" is a conference coordinated by SANDRA WHITAKER (Coordinator of Women's Studies) bringing together representatives from different religious denominations on Sat., Oct. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PING PONG RINGERS...Smashing their way to first and second in the GSU women's ping pong tourney last week were visitors Barbara Taschner and the runner up, her mother Dorothea Taschner. They disappeared with their trophies in the mist...we think to Mundelein.

BROOMS AND PUMPKINS...The CEAS Student Affairs Group are following their last successes (a re"TREAT" last Feb. and a picnic last June attracting 200) with an Oct. 26 Halloween Party at the Urban Hills Country Club. The group claims drinks and food will be provided free of charge. Invitations are now being distributed with a request to return the form provided to BOB JENSEN (CEAS SAD) (Office 754 or leave in his mailbox) by Thurs., Oct. 18.

TUITION HIKE ACCOMPANIED BY EXPANDED AID...is the recommendation of the Committee for Economic Development in a just-released \$400,000 study report. The committee is a private organization supported by business and industry and claims such action would be one way of achieving quality education.

ILLINOIS' UNIVERSITY BUDGETS...While GSU still struggles with the remnants of the current fiscal year's operating budget, the 10 public universities in Ill. have asked for a 15.9% FY 75 increase, or \$70 million more than the total current operating budget. The BHE is now reviewing the request (which includes \$11.5 million for GSU approved by the BOG up from the current \$7.7 level). Also being reviewed is the tuition policy and a possible recommendation for increased tuitions at public universities.

SURPRISE OF THE WEEK...Real food arrived in the commons prompted by Rick Morris, Food Service Director for Automatique, the vendor of the Phase I facilities cafeteria. Even the food machines blushed at the cold cuts and fresh fruit display that seemed to attract a sizeable group of eaters (or is that a group of sizeable eaters?) In any event, look for more buffets in the Commons.

NEWSPRINT SHORTAGE...GSU news is being affected by the newsprint problem. Though we seem to get our fair share of media coverage, the newspapers are limiting the number and length of stories, using less pictures and concentrating on priority stories. Understanding and cooperation with the media by the Office of Communications has been an appreciated necessity.



"The senator wishes to cooperate fully with the press—so he's not going to make any news until the newsprint shortage is over."

The Campus Report of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign recently carried the following letter with an introductory note from the Chancellor:

### To Members of the Faculty and Other Readers of Campus Report

I thought you might find the following letter from President Edmund J. James to a potential candidate interesting. Times change, the problems are the same, but we are making progress.

Urbana-Champaign, Ill.  
Aug. 1, 1914

Professor W. D. Armstrong,  
Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

My dear Professor Armstrong:—

We have here at the University of Illinois a music school which is an integral part of the University.

We are seeking a Director for the same.

We desire a man who is a thoroughly good teacher, a fruitful creator of valuable musical compositions.

The salary is \$3000. per annum. The Director would be expected to be responsible for the conduct of the school in every respect. He has also general supervision of the musical interests of the University. He is expected to develop and maintain a choral society, see that an efficient orchestra is kept in valuable operation.

As University organist he would be expected to give an organ recital every Sunday afternoon during term time in the University Auditorium to the university and the general public on such terms as the University may determine. He would be expected to see that public recitals are given by pupils of the music school and by members of the faculty of the music school and that such other concerts should be organized and given as circumstances may make feasible. The position is one full of responsibility, has many annoyances connected with it and is strenuous to a degree.

While there is some prospect that we may have some better housing and better equipment for our music school than we have at present, this is still only a prospect and ought not to be looked upon at all as an inducement to any one to come. If the enlarged facilities and opportunities are realized so much the better; if they are not, the Director is not expected to grumble and find fault.

We wish any man who comes to throw himself into the work with a large degree of energy and with a determination to make the utmost of such opportunities as the University accords.

The appointment is from year to year. If the Director should not make good he would be expected of course to step aside and make way for some one who can make good or who is more promising.

No one ought to take the position who does not feel that he can safely with due regard to his health put forth his utmost effort all the time while he holds the position.

While he should hope that in the course of time the salary might be advanced, there is at present no definite prospect of such an advance nor any promise whatever that such an advance will be made or as to the time when it may be made.

I believe that the matter is plainly before you. As University organist and Director of the music school, you would be expected to furnish music for all public occasions, either in the form of quartette, octette or solo singing by students or professors, or organ, or orchestral productions, or the band. Whatever you can get your colleagues to do is so much in your favor. In the last analysis, if you can not get them to do a thing you must do it yourself.

I am aware that the outlook is not very alluring and I cannot honestly urge you to accept the position and yet if you would like to try it for a year to see how it pans out with the definite understanding that if either of us is dissatisfied at the expiration of the year, there will be no hard feelings on either part if the relations should not be continued, I should be very glad to recommend you to the Board of Trustees.

The proposition then is that in case you wish to accept it, I shall recommend to the Board of Trustees of the University your appointment as Professor of Music in the University, Director of the School of Music and University Organist; for twelve months, beginning September 1, 1914, at a salary of three thousand dollars (\$3000).

You would be expected to be on hand by the first of September in order to acquaint yourself with the duties of the position and get ready for the work which begins about the middle of September.

I should be glad if you would wire me upon receipt of this as to whether you would accept such a position or not.

Faithfully yours,  
EDMUND J. JAMES



# EVENTS

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Academic Affairs Staff (AA Area)
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Coop Ed Staff (830)
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	A & R Staff (Mini-conf.)
1:00 p.m.	Videotape "Reefer Madness" (Commons)
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Task Force 2
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Women's Studies Advisory Committee (Mini-conf.)

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	V.P.'s meet with President (Mini-conf.)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Human Services (Mini-conf.)
12:30 p.m.	Seminar in Creativity/Creative Education (254)
1:00 p.m.	Innovator Staff (N. Rotunda)
1:00 p.m.	Videotape "Reefer Madness" (Commons)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Academic Wing (Mini-conf.)
2:00 p.m.	LRC Staff (308)
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Outpost subcommittee (Mini-conf.)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 a.m.	Student Services Staff (AA Area)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Educational Policies and Programs (710)
12:00 noon	Student Affairs Subcommittee (840)
1:00 p.m.	Videotape "Reefer Madness" (Commons)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Task Force 2 (Mini-conf.)
7:30 p.m.	Lecture, Walker Gibson (Public Doublespeake, NCTE) "Euphemism and Doublespeak" (Commons)

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	CEAS Administrative Council (802)
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Financial Aids Staff (Mini-conf.)
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Student Advisory Committee (Mini-conf.)
1:00 p.m.	Videotape "Reefer Madness" (Commons)
1:00 p.m.	BALANCE (780)
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Civil Service Affairs Committee (Mini-conf.)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	CBPS Staff (236)
3:00 p.m.	CHLD Steering Committee (Dean's Conference Area)
3:30 p.m.	HSRC Staff (HSRC Area)
4:00 p.m.	All University Professional Meeting (Performing Arts)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 a.m.	Last Day of Instruction--S/O 73 Session
9:30 a.m.	Vice Presidents meet with President (Mini-conf.)
12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.	CHLD Forum (244)
1:00 p.m.	Executive Committee (Mini-conf.)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Videotape "Reefer Madness" (Commons)
3:30 p.m.	R & I Advisory Committee (Mini-conf.)
	ICC Staff (Preview Room)

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

CCS Conference, "Women in Religion" 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Sunday Evening Drop-In, 7-10 p.m., Commons